SEVENTH DAY—*20th June 1930.*

The House re-assembled at 8 A.M.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MESSRS. B. GOPALACHAR, TUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA (Thirthahalli Taluk); S. SIDDABASAPPA (Shikarpur Taluk).—

Q.—37. Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(*a*) Are the Government aware of the very bad condition of Shimoga-Mangalore Road?

(*b*) How long is it since the representation regarding the bad condition of this road was brought to the notice of Government and why is delay caused to keep this road in the same condition as the Shimoga-Honnavar Road was?

(*c*) What is the annual grant for this road from 1924 to 1930 (yearwar) as compared with that for Shimoga-Honnavar Road?

(*d*) What is the allotment for special repairs to these two roads for the past five years?

(*e*) How many bus services are plying between Shimoga and Agumbi and how much road cess is collected from these services from 1924—1930 (yearwar)?

(*f*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish (yearwar) for the information of the members the report of the Superintending and Executive Engineers about this road, if they have inspected it since 1927?

(*g*) In view of the heavy traffic on this road, will the Government take early steps to keep this road in as good a condition as State Fund roads in the interest of the public?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—37. (*a*) Yes. The road is bad in certain places.

(*b*) The road runs mostly by the river side where the sub-soil is loose. The road has very heavy traffic and the metal used wears out soon. Action is being taken to improve the condition.

(*c*) The annual grants for the two roads are:—

SHIMOGA-MANGALORE ROAD.

12 miles at Rs. 300)
46½ ,, at Rs. 260) .. Rs. 15,225

BANGALORE-HONNAVAR ROAD.

20 miles at Rs. 350)
52 ,, at Rs. 250) .. Rs. 20,000

(*d*)

	Shimoga-Mangalore Road.	Bangalore-Honnavar Road.
1924-25	.. ..	..
1925-26	.. 3,860	..
1926-27	.. 3,940	2,198
1927-28	.. 3,380	4,000
1928-29	.. 9,900	18,000

(*e*) A statement is placed on the table (*vide* Appendix D).

(*f*) The road is being frequently inspected by the Superintending Engineer, Shimoga Circle, and once a month by the Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division. It is not possible to furnish the reports of these officers to the members.

(*g*) Special grants are being allotted to improve the road as per triennial programme and every effort will be made to improve it.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Are the Government aware that the Shimoga-Mangalore Road has not been repaired for the last 8 or 10 years at least ?

Third Member of Council.—

It has not been improved for some years past.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

This road is as much a State Fund road as the Shimoga-Honnavar Road. Why should there be any difference in the grant for the two roads ?

Third Member of Council.—

The grant is fixed with reference to the importance of the road and the traffic on it.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

In view of the fact that it has been in disrepair for a number of years, will the Government be pleased to increase the grant for this road ?

Third Member of Council.—

The question of revising the grants for annual maintenance purposes is under consideration. As that requires a large amount, for the present we are allotting money for special repairs from the Road Fund. We shall make suitable provision from it next year also.

Mr. B. Copalachar.—

Are not Government aware that the bad condition of the road is due partly to the fact that the branches of avenue trees are not cut off for long ?

Third Member of Council.—

I shall draw the Chief Engineer's attention to that matter. We know that the roads are bad. One reason is that the drains are not cleared periodically. We want to improve roads as much as possible. For that we want better metal. We are ourselves trying to develop quarries with the help of crushers. Next year we shall improve the Shimoga-Mangalore Road also to the utmost extent possible.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Have not the Superintending and Executive Engineers recommended a larger allotment for that road ?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes ; and we are trying to give it.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Can you improve all the bad roads from the grant now made for special repairs ?

Third Member of Council.—

It will be done as far as possible ; but bad roads must get more than others.

MR. R. PUTTUVEERABHADRAPPA (Madhugiri Taluk).—

Q.—38. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Chief Judge during the October Session of 1927 expressed himself in favour of returning the deposit amounts made by parties in Civil Courts direct to them instead of through lawyers?

(*b*) If so, why has it not been given effect to in all Civil Courts up till now?

(*c*) Whether Government are willing to give effect to this in all Civil Courts from the current year?

(*d*) Whether Government will in future kindly make arrangements to see that their decisions or orders on requests made are brought into effect in the same year?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT.—

A.—38. (*a*) What the Chief Judge said was that if no authorization was given to lawyers they could not draw such amounts.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) These questions do not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Supplementary Question and Answer.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Why should deposit amounts be returned to the lawyers simply because the clients have given them vakalats? When the refund is ordered, why should not the amounts be returned to the clients themselves, their signature itself being obtained by court?

Law Secretary to Government.—

The relationship between the parties and lawyers is one